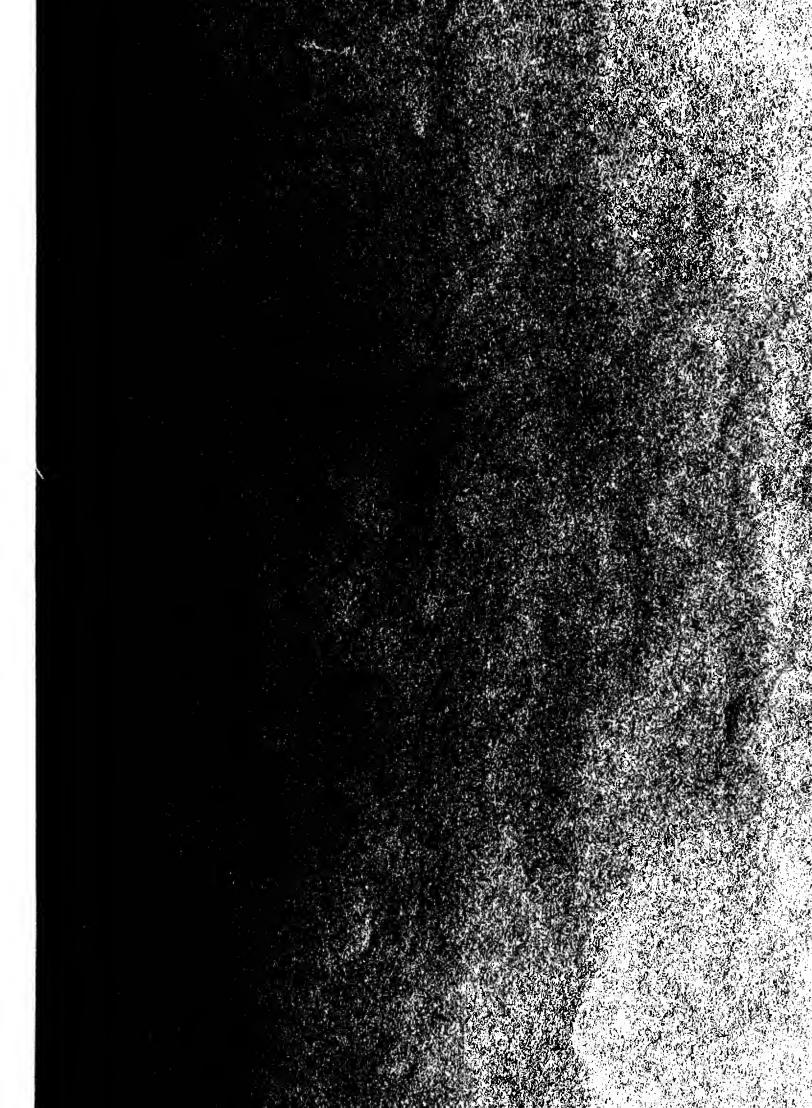


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Singing Conventions.

We find in a Western exchange the following excellent article, which is outspoken and of a frankness seldom to be met with:—

"Who knew ten years ago of a musical convention, such as we have now? Who ever heard of it anywhere else? I must confess I was struck with a certain envy when I heard of it, and pondered over it, not knowing what it could be. Fortune favored me, however, very soon with an explanation. I met an old acquaintance who had always taught an oldfashioned singing school. Asking him what he was doing, he burst out: 'Holding conventions. Ah! that's the business, I tell you; makes the same amount of money in one week, for which we used to work hard, more than six weeks. You see I go to some town, inquire for the most prominent singer, propose him free admission, or a certain sum, publish a meeting, organize the same evening, get up a big enthusiasm, give daily three sessions, open classes in harmony and voice culture, begin on Monday, close on Friday evening with a concert, and leave next morning for another town with \$75 to \$100 in my pocket, and it is no work. They all sing a few choruses, duets, solos and have a good time. I tell you, conventions are the thing now.' I thought so, poor fellow; he used to look rather seedy, but now he is a perfect dandy, not even the button-hole bouquet is missing. What I have been anxious to find out is, who is this inventor of the double-quick and remunerative method of teaching as their circulars say: 'More in one week than they can otherwise learn in a whole term.' Did you ever hear of that funnel which is said to be in Nurnberg, Germany, for the purpose of infusing at any moment enough brains into the heads of those not sufficiently bright? Here is your funnel. What wonderful men! Give in one week instruction in voice culture! Taking into consideration that in some European schools for training voices none are ad-

mitted unless a guarantee is given to take a full course—seven years. This Hercules, this Edison of musical invention! Who is he? By all means let the name of this benefactor of mankind be handed down to posterity. So many sensible people will not apply common sense to arts. Were one to claim that Le could teach some child more arithmetic in one week than any ore else could do in a term, he would be branded a fraud. It is well known that a sudden forced practice in singing is injurious to the system, often paralyzes the vocal chords, and, as in these proceedings, the best talents are relied upon to carry the rest along, these best voices are strained, causing a partial or a total paralysis of the vocal ligaments. After these conventions absolute lethargy follows, until a year after some one else works up the interest in music (!); no knowledge-only confusion-in less than a month all is forgotten, except what it cost, always beginning over and over. They don't come to teach notes or musical notation. They make seemingly an atten.pt, and manufacture so many of these would-be critics who discourage young people with their highly cultivated opinions (i).

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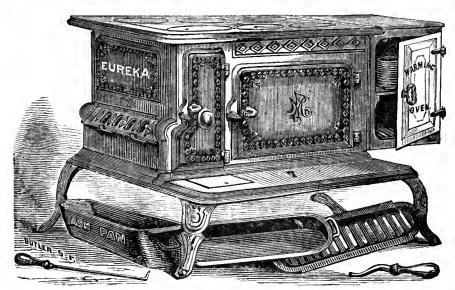
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Salutatory.

In presenting this periodical to the public, we have no apology to offer for adding one more to the already long list of effusions of a similar character that have previously appeared, but take our place in the literature of the day, and respectfully ask an attentive perusal of our columns.

We take this method of bringing to your notice a business which, until a little over a year ago, when the house of which this paper is an exponent was established, had no representation worthy of the name in this city. MAUVAIS' MUSIC STORE is now universally known as the place par excellence for the purchase of anything in its line.

If any are diverted or instructed by our efforts, we shall be satisfied with the result.

We would call attention to our advertising space, as showing a panorama, as it were, of the busy marts of trade in cur growing city, and directing the purchaser where he can make the most profitable bargains of all kinds.

Requesting a hearing of the indulgent reader, without further ado we place before you MAUVAIS' MUSICAL FRIEND. •

Mauvais' Music Store.

Previous to September, 1877, the city of Oakland, so well represented in almost all lines of trade, was utterly wanting in anything like a respectable music store. At that time the magnificent building on the north side of Twelfth street, opposite the City Market, and adjoining the Oakland Bank of Savings, known as Martin's block, was approaching completion. With a quick eye to the necessities of the situation, Mr. Zeno Mauvais immediately took measures to secure the first floor and basement in the westerly half of the above named building for a term of years, and set to work with characteristic energy to equip the largest and best appointed piano and music store to be found on the Pacific Coast.

The result has more than justified Mr. Mauvais' most sanguine expectations, for

instead of a single piano sale, as of old, being a biennial occurrence, to be talked of for months by the denizens of this "sleepy hollow" of the music trade, this city has stepped at once into the front rank, and divides the honors of competition with its sister city, of "sand lot" notoriety.

Mauvais' Music Store has been fitted up at great expense; the ceiling being beautifully and appropriately frescoed, and the walls tinted, while the shelves contain the latest, as well as a careful selection of the best standard sheet music of the day.

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It is an accepted theory that when a musical tone is produced in a room or hall, everything which responds to it sounds in harmony with it. This seems to be in accordance with mathematical and acoustical principles, yet I am now in a position to prove by practical experiments that it is a fallacy, and that not only harmony, but positively inharmony, pure and simple, may be produced. This applies, in fact, to everything, not excluding the air. We may, however, consider this as a matter of very little importance as compared with our musical instruments, which we find to produce inharmonious sounds in such a way that we may say it is the nature of the thing; and before I finish this letter I believe it will be plain to every reader that few, if any, instruments exist which do not, as part of their nature or construction, produce inharmoArtists' and Wax

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nious sounds. Before I describe my ex-| then F, 1,408 vibrations per second; and periments I may remark that I have often been surprised to find that some pieces of wood-or, indeed, any other material of the same size, and to all appearances of the same texture, quality, etc.--sound free, loud and harmonious, whereas the others sound weak and inharmonious. am well aware that allowance must be made for a number of circumstances which may account for the above; but still to my knowledge they are not sufficient to account for the great difference existing. Having no siren, I could not measure the number of vibrations except by comparing them with those of a pianoforte which is correctly tuned to Scheibler's scale, C 528 vibrations per second; and to be as nearly correct as possible, I availed myself of the kind assistance of L. Morris, who is, I may say, an expert. I first tried some pieces of wood (which, when struck, sounded very sweet in comparison with others), and found that the tone produced on one side was either an octave, a fifth, third, or other sound in harmony with that produced on the other side of the wood, forming an angle with it; and by close observation I could hear the two notes at the same time, the tone produced on the side which I struck predominating. Those pieces sounding weak and inharmonious produced, when struck, a seventh and other inharmonious notes with those notes produced on the other side, forming a right angle with it, and the beats could be clearly heard. A piece of Virginia pine wood, four feet long and three-quarters of an inch square, which sounds G, 198 vibrations per second, on that side where the rings of the wood lie flat, and a semitone higher on that side where the rings face edgeways; this consequently sounds inharmonious. Finding I could not get a piece of wood in which the hard grain or rings lay quite flat, or having the vertical rings in a right angle with its plane, I glued up a piece of wood of veneers, which had been cut with a knife from round the trunk of the tree, parallel with the rings. This piece sounded on its surface the note E, 165 vibrations per second, and on its edge G sharp, two octaves, one tone and a semitone above the E. By driving two pins in my drawing-board, against which I held the one edge, I planed the other till the next lower note—G, 1,584 vibrations per second—was produced; then F sharp;

so on till the intervals were only the depth of a shaving apart.

The surface, notwithstanding the decrease in size of the wood in consequence of the planing, kept the note E, 165 vibrations to the second, to the end. If I strike the prong of a tuning fork on the wider side it sounds C, 528 vibrations per second; and if on the smaller side A, 880 vibrations per second. It is easy to see that we cannot produce a wave on either side, when struck or bowed, without producing a smaller wave on that side forming an angle with it. Thus we find a wave produced on the edge with one blow and at the same time. Now it will be seen that the wave on the flat side or surface runs to and fro from end to end of the wood 165 times, or 880 feet per second, while that on the edge runs independently 1,584 times, or 8,488 feet per second, without interfering with each other. Now if we look at the practical side of the matter, we find that the separate parts as well as the whole soundboard of a pianoforte, and indeed the whole case, should be so constructed as to produce no inharmonious sounds from any part. As a tuning fork sounds two distinct notes, either harmonious or unharmonious, would not the reed in a harmonicon follow the same rule? May not the secret of constructing a good violin bow have something to do with this? If a flute is made of wood it ought to be planed till both sides sound the same note, and then rounded off; I do not see why it should not be oval-shared. I think this subject opens a wide field for practical appliances, and last, not least, for railway engineering. If you want to avoid sound, never use metal in square, round or circular form, but construct the sides as inharmonious with each other as possible.—[English Mechanic.

"Dreamland Bells."

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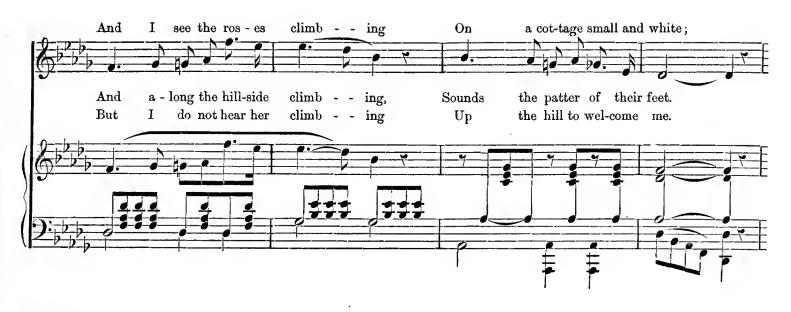
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Among the myriad publications of this character already affoat on our musical sea, we have not seen its equal for beauty, nor one to which we could advise all to "Anchor," for the real excellence and true merit of the work until the "Song Anchor" appeared, which fully meets the demand. It is a California production and one of which we may be justly proud. The great majority of the original pieces were contributed by Messrs. Hakes and Belden, of Oakland, and have already received very ereditable mention from the presses of both Oakland and San Francisco.

During the past three months Mr. White has well employed his time by introducing it in the East, and many of the new pieces are already becoming favorites. It comprises 160 pages, and contains over 125 musical gems, embracing a complete gradation—from the grand anthem to the most simple melody. Among the music in this number will be found two pieces from "Song Anchor," one by D. S. Hakes, together with a song and a lively "Christmas Carol," and one by J. E. White.

"When the Twilight Soft is Falling."

Occasionally an inquisitive bump passing our window where this illuminated title is displayed, stops to ask what happens "When the Twilight Soft is Falling?" We refer him instantly to the charming piece with that title, as the best answer we can give. After humming the first stanza, he buys the gem for thirty-five cents, and rushes home to gather his friends about him and get all the parts in the chorus. This is another of Mr. Hakes' sweet, pathetic songs. For sale by Mauvais.

Our Musical Friend,

Mr. Hakes, of Oakland, has kindly composed a "Christmas Carol" for this number of the Musical Friend, and the mirthful, warbling public will be pleased to make his acquaintance through the several pieces contributed by him to our musical department.

Mr. Hakes is also an accomplished singer, having perfected himself under Carlo Bassini, and is prepared to give vocal lessons to a few pupils, at his residence, 257 Eighth street.

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Learning Piano Playing.

DOPPELKREN, in the San Francisco Daily News, tells the following funny aneedotes:-

"The curious ideas that some people of the present day have about music, and how it can be learnt, would, if collected, form a more amusing hook than any work of fiction extant. The aneedotes never have been collected because they are a portion of the private experience of so many different individuals. Some years ago, for instance, the wife of a prominent gambler bought a very fine piano, and requested the dealer from whom she bought it to send her a teacher to give her instructions. A young German who had great success with beginners waited on the pupil the next day, and after spending half an hour in small talk and the consumption of champagne, the lady opened the ball by informing him that what she required of him was to show her where to put her fingers so that she could play a waltz or two for her husband by Christmas, as he had promised her another diamond ring, of which she had already five on her fingers, if she succeeded in accomplishing the feat. She further informed him that he needn't be bringing any books along, as she couldn't read, and the letters bothered her considerable. Whether she ever got that diamond ring it is impossible to tell, for the poor teacher fled the house, and has never gone within a block of it since, but it is probable that a professor who teaches the piano in twelve lessons got hold of the pupil, and by dint of marking all the notes pulled her through, so that she came to time at Christmas on the jewelry time to time. question."

sent for a celebrated teacher of vocal music, and after some desultory conversation, remarked:-

"I suppose, Mr. K., you're after playing all thim instruments as I see in thim orehestral matinees we're attinding at Platt's Hall?"

The gentleman replied that he was a professor of singing and only played the piano; but that if she would tell him what instrument she referred to, he could easily procure her the professor she was in search of.

"Well, thin, that's moighty good of ve anyway," she replied, "but I disre-

mimber exactly the name of the instrument. It's brass, I'm thinking, and shoots in and out, and I belave mi daughter said it was a thumbone. She has a beautiful arm, has my daughter, and the instrument would display it, d'ye see, every time she pulled the pipe of the thumbone out far and when she shut it up again. I'd have a dress made, d'ye moind "-but the lady was alone, all that reached her ears were the stifled eachinnations of a flabergasted tenor, hurrying wildly down the garden steps con strepito allegro motto furioso.

How to Preserve a Piano.

THE instrument should be closed when not in use, in order to prevent dampness, dust, etc., from collecting inside of the

The piano should not be placed in a damp room, nor left open in a draft of air: dampness is its most dangerous enemy, causing the strings and tuning-pins to rust, the cloth used in the construction of the keys and action to swell, whereby the mechanism will move sluggishly, or often stick altogether. This occurs chiefly in the summer season, and the best pianos, made of the most thoroughly seasoned material, are necessarily affected by dampness, the absorption being rapid. Extreme heat is scarcely less injurious. The piano should not be placed near to an open fire or heated stove, nor over or close to the het air from furnaces now in general use. Moths are very destructive to the cloth and felt used in the piano, and may be kept out of it by placing a lump of camphor, wrapt in soft paper, in the inside corner, care being taken to renew it from

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Contraband— "S please."

Chaplain—" Ver do yeu choose now.

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Contraband—"Yes, sah."

Chaplain- "Glad to hear it. Shall I give you a paper?"

Contraband— "Sartin, Massa, if you please."

Chaplain—" Very good. What paper do yeu choose now:"

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